

# **Miami-Dade County Domestic Preparedness Strategy**



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## Executive Summary

Only through a collaborative and systematic approach can we as a community hope to achieve a state of readiness against the threat of terrorism. The *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy* serves as the roadmap for achieving that end state. Through its application, Miami-Dade and its municipalities can mobilize and organize local resources to provide maximum security against terrorist attacks, whether from foreign or domestic sources. The Miami-Dade community intends to apply the *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy* as a means to ensure continuity and consistency between local goals and state and federal priorities for domestic preparedness.

Miami-Dade County's status as a unique metropolitan community with both tremendous capabilities and challenges places us in a position to influence funding methodologies at both the state and federal level. By demonstrating a unified front in the application of the *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy* and by building partnerships as a result of implementing initiatives contained herein, participating organizations will not only build support for their grant applications, but will also gain a significant edge over organizations that apply for those same grants independently.

On a practical level, the *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy* helps prepare our community for the threat of terrorism by providing direction to county, municipal, and private organizations with a role in homeland security:

- It assesses the local ability to meet state and federally identified homeland security objectives.
- It guides the implementation of a specific set of goals that the Miami-Dade community considers important to attaining domestic preparedness.
- It provides a system of support and collaboration on issues of domestic preparedness and attainment of grant funding.

The *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy* is the blueprint for building a comprehensive system of domestic preparedness in Miami-Dade. It is designed to give everyone in Miami-Dade, with a demonstrable role in domestic preparedness, a voice in its development and implementation. It provides a methodology for prioritizing community-wide initiatives and organization-specific projects. It also has a structure that is formal enough to provide clear roles and responsibilities, yet flexible enough to promote new ideas and concepts. While this strategy is only the first step in a long path, it gives the Miami-Dade community a head-start. The Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is committed to the tenets of this *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy* and will use it to support the grant applications of those agencies that choose to partner with OEM by submitting projects for inclusion in the *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy*, participating actively in the Terrorism Advisory Committee, and promoting the *Miami-Dade Domestic Preparedness Strategy's* goals and objectives.